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Prices were unchanged at the beginning of the week and unchanged to sharply higher on the larger sizes and unchanged to occasionally higher on mediums for the remainder. The market tone ranged at least steady to firm with the larger sizes in the strongest position. Demand was generally good, with food service drawing the best interest in vacation and resort areas. Supplies of jumbos and extra large were tight and smaller sizes were generally sufficient throughout the holiday-shortened week. Breaking stock prices were unchanged for the week. Supplies were fully adequate to ample, and many breakers ran overtime schedules in an attempt to reduce inventories. On July 6, the weekly breaking stock inventory was at 509,900 cases. This was the highest reported inventory since the inception of the breaking stock inventory in 1989. Trading and demand was slow. Light type hen offerings were ample for processors' needs.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	81-85	71-75	55-57
New York	55-57	52-55	38-41
Philadelphia	46-55	44-53	35-38
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	37-38	35.5-37	28-29
Jackson (1)	49-50	44-45	37-38
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	46-59	43-57	35-49
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	40-45	39-44	27-32
Detroit (2)	34-37	33-36	23-26
Major Ohio Cities (2)	35-40	34-38	24-29
Major Wisconsin Cities	38-46	36-43	27-34
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	53-54	51-52	42-43
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	75	65	55

(1) - Prices reported weekly  
(2) - Delivered Warehouse  
(3) - Reported Invoice prices

**SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 02-Jul-99**  
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	48.82	46.44	37.14
SOUTHERN	44.52	42.24	34.86
MIDWEST	38.51	37.28	27.65
WESTERN	67.09	59.79	49.78
TWELVE METRO AREAS	52.68	48.78	39.24

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	07-06-99	06-30-99	07-07-98
<b>Large</b>	17-19	17-19	34-36
<b>Medium</b>	9-11	9-11	14-16

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM July 5, 1999**  
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO		5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	SO	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	4.3	5.9	3.2	8.5	6.1	28.0
	Change	-1.5	-0.7	0.2	-0.5	-1.5	-13%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	18.6	19.1	7.3	15.5	20.3	80.8
	Change	-5.1	1.5	-1.4	-1.8	1.5	-6%
Large	Curr Wk	34.7	49.5	36.6	40.3	70.5	231.6
	Change	-8.7	-4.1	-10.9	-11.3	-1.2	-14%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.1	21.7	12.5	21.2	21.9	89.4
	Change	-1.3	-0.7	0.3	2.5	-1.2	0%
Small	Curr Wk	6.7	9.4	4.3	7.1	4.8	32.3
	Change	1.0	2.7	0.6	1.2	-1.3	15%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.0	12.2	9.0	7.6	5.4	40.2
	Change	1.8	1.5	-1.9	-3.2	1.2	-1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	33.1	53.9	11.5	31.6	43.6	173.7
	Change	-9.9	1.2	-1.6	8.1	-3.6	-3%
Total	Curr Wk	115.5	171.7	84.4	131.8	172.6	676.0
	Change	-17%	1%	-15%	-4%	-3%	-7%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	676.0	-7%	165
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	509.9	2%	40
Total Shell Egg	1185.9	-3%	205

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 165 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 03-JUL-99

(LBS IN THOUSANDS)

(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
C W	1,185,205	27,505	11,406	6,676	3,027	3,786
P W	1,198,974	28,402	11,302	6,404	2,962	3,633
LY	1,038,537	23,713	9,839	5,141	2,475	3,520
% PW	-1	-3	1	4	2	4
% LY	14	16	16	30	22	8
1999	28,207,579	651,108	275,323	152,099	68,343	88,169
1998	27,165,620	614,259	273,691	148,998	68,952	87,720

## AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
41.66	41.49	40.65

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT** FOR W/E 03-JUL-99

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	247.8	3.0	8
E.N. CENTRAL	450.7	-3.0	9
W.N. CENTRAL	227.4	0.0	10
S. ATLANTIC	184.0	-6.0	-6
S. CENTRAL	72.0	-7.0	-4
WEST	226.6	4.0	5
TOTAL	1408.5	-1.0	5
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		95	94

**Broiler Eggs Set in****15 Selected States****Broiler Chicks Placed****in 15 Selected States**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	JUN 26	JUL 03	JUN 26	JUL 03
AL	*26,804	27,837	*20,013	20,818
AR	29,642	30,204	*25,072	24,101
DE	4,719	4,369	5,517	5,247
FL	2,725	2,756	2,636	2,352
GA	31,203	31,629	*25,854	25,205
MD	8,690	8,662	*6,185	5,892
MS	*18,540	17,975	*15,271	15,302
NC	18,201	17,156	14,472	14,167
PA	*3,655	3,847	*2,899	2,978
SC	4,599	4,770	4,333	4,335
TX	13,598	12,488	10,434	10,377
VA	6,613	6,577	5,482	5,791
CA, TN, & WV	*11,755	11,521	*9,471	10,536
15 State Total	*180,744	179,791	*147,639	147,101
Previous Year	176,908	172,086	143,578	143,351
Pct. of Prev.	102	104	103	103

\*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 14-AUG-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 155.8 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 153.9 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 151.3 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 150.6 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 72.34 CENTS PER POUND.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES-** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 07/01/99-07/07/99

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	24.17	27.65	25.00	27.56	—	—	50.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	22.75	20.25	—	4.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	14.75	16.75	2.00
GL W XL	—	—	31.50	34.25	35.00	37.50	6.50
GL W LG	—	—	28.75	30.50	—	—	4.75
GL W MD	—	22.00	17.86	21.53	—	—	15.00
GL W SM	19.00	20.50	18.25	21.33	21.00	—	4.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	22.00	22.80	9.50
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	15.00	5.50

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 03-JUL-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	32.60	28.1	16	3
BOSTON	6.00	5.4	11	-52
CHICAGO	37.60	44.5	-16	-8
DETROIT	23.10	32.2	-28	-8
KANSAS CITY	0.10	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	93.80	85.5	10	5
NEW ORLEANS	9.70	12.4	-22	-20
NEW YORK	46.30	41.0	13	11
ST. LOUIS	12.40	13.1	-5	33
SAN FRANCISCO	21.40	19.4	10	36
TOTAL	283.00	281.7	0	2
4 WK MVG AVG	279.00			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** Week Ending 26-Jun-99

	FRYER-	YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	ROASTERS	TURKEYS	BANDED	
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	0	5,747	37	5,784
AVGWT	0.00	25.85	27.35	25.86
LAST WEEK	28	4,294	40	4,362
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	4,792	99	4,891
AVGWT	0.00	25.98(A)	24.10	25.94
TO-DATE/1999	55	117,948(A)	811	118,814
TO-DATE/1998	32	127,037(A)	922	127,991

(A) Includes 350,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 476,000 in 1998.

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 26-Jun-99 (PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY AVG
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG	RSTR	BAND		
	HEAD	% CHG	WT	---THOUSAND HEAD---		WT	
N EAST	646	120	23.12	(A)	(A)	647	23.19
S ATL	443	-35	27.70	(A)	(A)	444	27.77
N CENT	2,580	4	27.77	(A)	(A)	2,604	27.75
S CENT	1,469	151	24.22	NONE	NONE	1,469	24.22
WEST	609	143	23.15	(A)	(A)	620	23.18
U.S. TOTAL	5,747(B)	34	25.85	0	37	5,784	25.86
TO DATE							
1999	117,948(B)			55	811	118,814	
TO DATE							
1998	127,037(B)			32	922	127,991	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 24,000 for the year 350,000; last year to date 476,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 03-Jul-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	160,052(A)	2,244	1,513	3,757	518
AVGWT	5.02	3.40	7.86	4.96	6.38
LAST WEEK	159,424	2,157	1,461	3,618	418
YR AGO	138,469	1,851	1,066	2,917	360
AVGWT	4.66	3.38	8.02	5.08	6.77
TO-DATE/1999	3,940,129	56,854	35,415	92,269	11,582
TO-DATE/1998	3,780,454	54,703	32,922	87,625	11,606

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 162.0 million head or 7.1 million head more than or 105 percent of estimated fryers available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING Jul-10

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	07/10/99(1)	07/03/99
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	140,372(2)	160,267
LT HENS	1,896	2,434
HVY HENS	1,430	1,558
CHECK TOTAL	143,698	164,259

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 10-Jul-99 is 154.6 million head compared to 140.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 142.1 million head or 12.5 million less than estimated available. For week of 17-Jul-99 the estimated available is 155.4 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING		MILLION HEAD	MILLION HEAD	PCT	AVG WT
		SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE		
MAY	29	158.9	152.5	104	5.07
JUNE	5	143.5	153.5	93	5.06
	12	153.7	154.2	100	5.04
	19	158.4	154.6	102	5.11
	26	161.4	154.6	104	5.05
JULY	3	162.0	154.9	105	5.02
YEAR TO DATE		3987.9	3938.4	101	
	10		154.6		
	17		155.4		

**12-CITY COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

Change from			
	06-Jul-99	29-Jun-99	07-Jul-98
	60.87	0.93	68.77
NUMBER OF LOADS	636		

**READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS**

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF 7/5-7/10/99.

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG
Chicago	52.00-55.00	54.80	54	56.80
Los Angeles	66.00	65.04	63	64.21
New York	52.00-58.00	55.46	60	58.87

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	69-70	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-70	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69-70	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	70	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	70	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	70	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)**

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 5-Jul-99	3,122	175,345	96,462
AM 1-June-99	3,522	175,271	100,767
CHG	-400	74	-4305
PCT CHG	-11	0	-4

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of May 31, 1999 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on July 1, 1999 are:

FROZEN EGGS	8	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5.02 PCT
TURKS	508	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5.08 PCT
POP	784	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 4.99 PCT

**HEN MARKETS**

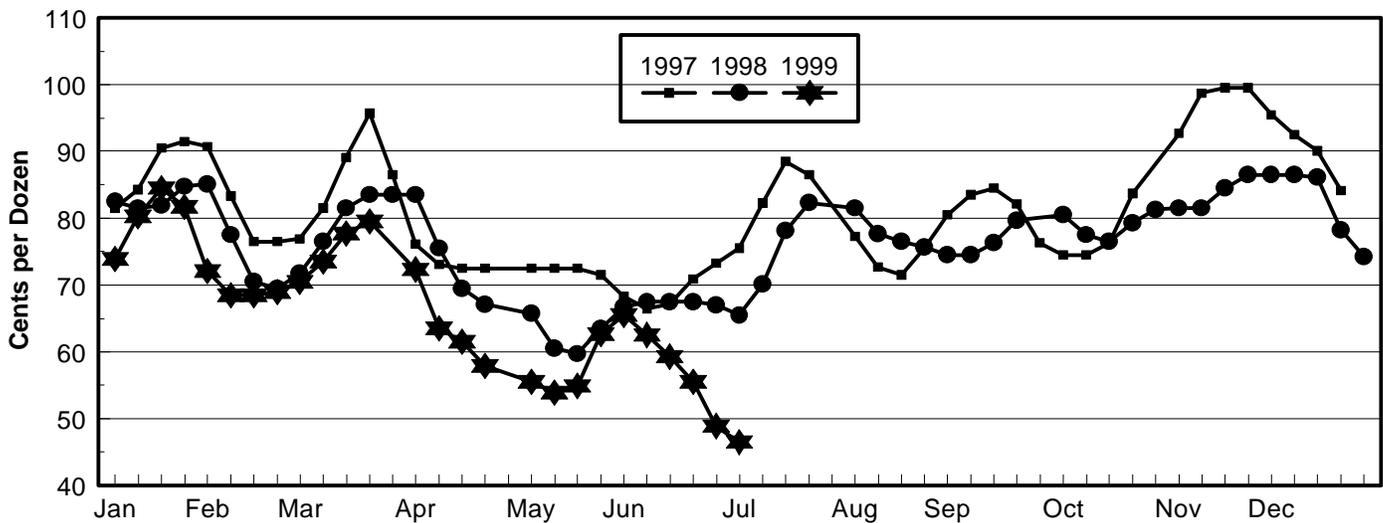
Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

<b>HEAVY TYPE</b>			
7/05/99	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast	10-18.5(1)	15-17	15.67
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	12-19.5(1)	15-17.5	16.68
<b>LIGHT TYPE</b>			
Eastern	0(1)		
Eastern	TFEWR(2)		
So. Central	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central	0-1(2)		
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading			
(2) At Farm Producer Loading			

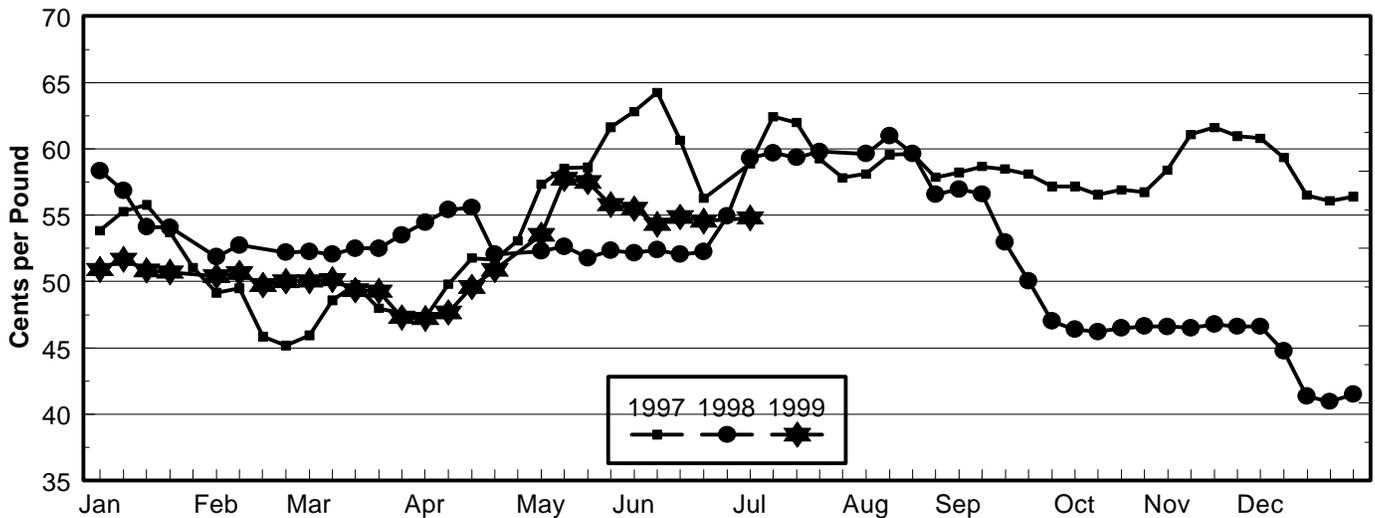
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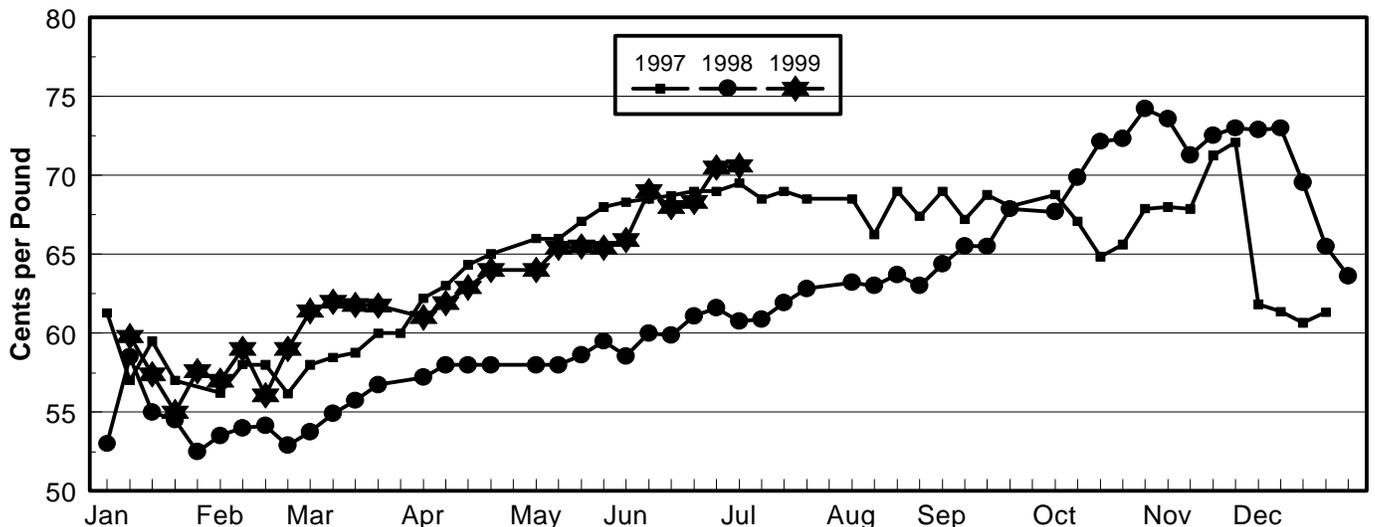
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1997, 1998, 1999



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Final Weighted Average Prices, US Grade A, 1997, 1998, 1999



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys, 1997, 1998, 1999



Note: Some weeks' averages are based on offers only.